



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 11 October 2026

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday | CLOSED

Tuesday | 9am - 1pm

Wednesday | 9am - 12pm

Thursday | 9am - 4pm

Friday | 9am - 4pm

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Chase

Assistant Priest

Fr Peter Doherty

Parish Secretary | Admin

Emma May

Faith Co-Ordinator | Admin

Hayley Lanzon

Finance Officer

Helen Oram

OUR PARISH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF:

Agnes Water

Calliope

Gladstone

Miriam Vale

Mount Larcom

Tannum Sands

Ubobo

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Francis (Tannum Sands)

(07) 4973 3600

St John Baptist (Gladstone)

(07) 4978 1799

Star of the Sea (Gladstone)

(07) 4972 1305

Chanel College (Gladstone)

(07) 4973 4700

LITURGIES THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 13 October: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm *Liturgy of the Hours with Exposition*

Wednesday 14 October: Star of the Sea | 7:00am *Liturgy of the Hours with Exposition*

Thursday 15 October: Chanel College | 10:40am

Friday 16 October: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 17 October

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 5:00pm

Sunday 18 October

Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:00am and 6:00pm

St Mary's, Ubobo | 11:00am

St Agnes, Agnes Water | 11:00am *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion* **CANCELLED**

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 17 October

Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:30am to 9:20am

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 4:15pm to 4:45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 17 October

Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:30am to 9:20am

Did you know?

ABOUT RELICS OF THE SAINTS

Did you know that Catholics have honoured the relics of saints since the earliest centuries of the Church?

A relic is something connected with a saint or blessed and kept with reverence. Traditionally, relics are described in three classes. First-class relics are part of the saint's body, such as bone, hair or blood. Second-class relics are objects personally used or worn by the saint, while third-class relics are objects that have been touched to a first-class relic or a saint's tomb.

Why do we as Catholics venerate them? Certainly not because we believe bones or pieces of clothing possess magical powers! Relics remind us that Christianity is a very physical faith. God became flesh in Jesus, our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, and we believe in the resurrection of the body. The Church therefore honours the bodies of saints who allowed God's grace to work through their very human lives.

This practice is ancient: the tombs of the martyrs became places of prayer and pilgrimage for the first Christians, and relics are still traditionally placed beneath Catholic altars.

Speaking to young people in Cologne, Germany in 2005, Pope Benedict XVI put it beautifully: *"The relics direct us towards God himself."*

Relics, then, are not ends in themselves. They point beyond themselves — to God, whose grace made the saints holy.

Fr Peter



In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

**Name changed for privacy*

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported the recent second collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Parishioners donated **\$1,275** Which is truly remarkable. Your contribution will go directly to supporting local people who are doing it tough during these difficult times.

St Vincent de Paul Gladstone Conference really appreciate and value the parish support for the work that we do for those in need.

~ Thank you

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - STATS

In the last three months The Gladstone Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society has helped 381 families and individuals spending a total of \$22,340 to help them make ends meet. Your generous support of our Conference is making a real difference to people.

~ Thank you

CLERGY JUBILEE MASS – 13 OCTOBER 2026

Next Tuesday, 13 October, the Bishop will gather with the clergy to celebrate the significant clergy jubilees for 2026. This year we will be acknowledging Fr Noel Milner's 60 years of priesthood. Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm at St Joseph's Cathedral and all are invited to attend. The Mass will be streamed live through our YouTube channel for those unable to join in person - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

MADE FOR MORE: UNDERSTANDING VATICAN II

What ~ A weekend retreat for young adults (18 - 35)

When ~ 23 - 25 October 2026

Where ~ Discovery Parks – Coolwaters, Yeppoon

All young adults are invited to come away for a weekend to learn more about our faith, reflect on your life, and meet other young Catholics from across the diocese. Featuring Fr Andrew Chase and the Rockhampton NET team, the weekend will include presentations, prayer, personal reflection, sacraments and fellowship. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. For any questions contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *Church Cleaning*

Many hands make light work!

Keeping our churches clean and welcoming is a wonderful way to serve our parish community and honour the Lord.

We warmly invite volunteers to consider helping clean **Star of the Sea Church, Gladstone**, or one of the other churches within our Parish.

For the Gladstone Church, the commitment is approximately **one hour to an hour and a half, just one day per month.**

If you feel called to offer your time and help care for the Lord's house, we would love to hear from you!



Please contact the
**Parish Office on
(07) 4972 1025**
to express your interest.

*Thank you for considering this
important ministry of service.*



Fan into Flame



~ Resources for growing your Faith ~

Parish Library

'Padre Pio Stories and Memories of my Mentor and Friend'

by Fr Gabriel Amorth

Fr Amorth knew Padre Pio better than any Pio scholar could. He writes from over twenty-five years of friendship and he knows how to tell a story to keep the reader engaged to the end.

~ Bookcase 6 | Bookshelf 2 ~

Online Video | 30 mins

'What Led Scott Hahn to the Eucharist'

by St Paul Center

Scott Hahn shares how he was fostered to consider becoming Catholic through studying the writings of the early Church Fathers and learning how the Old Testament and New Testament converge.



NEW LIFE CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Prayer meetings are held fortnightly. The next meeting will be held on **12 October** at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall | Herbert Street, Gladstone



Prayer meetings offer a welcoming space for people to deepen their spiritual lives and encounter the love of God in a meaningful way. Praise is central to Catholic Charismatic Renewal and reflects the wider Catholic tradition, where praise is woven through liturgy, song and prayer.

If you have any enquiries please contact

Maryanne Shaw | 0409 898 895

Kim Swadling | 0412 626 619

Source ~ <https://www.ccr.org.au/item/2-what-is-a-charismatic-prayer-meeting>

CENACLE PRAYER GROUP GATHERING

◇ All Welcome | Every Wednesday 9am ◇

Margaret Swadling's Home | 35 Heritage Drive, Telina

If you have any enquiries please contact

Kim Swadling | 0412 626 619

BIBLE STUDY AND MEDITATION

Bible Study and Luncheon Meditation is held every Tuesday at the Parish Centre.

◇ **We meet from 11:00am - 12:00pm on Tuesdays at the Parish Office** ◇

◇ **Meditation will also be held each week at 12:30pm in the Parish Chapel** ◇



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Invites you to our

Engaging Your Faith online presentations in October 2026

From \$25 per session.

For more information:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

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ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to come and pray the rosary for members of our parish who are sick or in need of prayer. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:45am in the parish chapel. This will include a shared BYO morning tea afterwards.

◇ ALL WELCOME ◇

PRIESTS AWAY

Fr Andrew and Fr Peter will be away at the clergy in-service in Rockhampton this week from **Monday 12 October to Wednesday 14 October.**

A Liturgy of the Hours with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated at the usual weekday Mass times.



READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A

First Reading

◇ Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Second Reading

◇ 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

Gospel

◇ Matthew 22: 15-21

Readings for Mass today?



Scan this QR code with your smart phone

We acknowledge the Gooreng Gooreng, Bailai, Gurang, and Taribelang Bunda people, traditional custodians of what we now call Gladstone.

DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER To view:

rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter

STAR OF THE SEA LITURGY ROSTER

18 October 2026

Readers:

8:00am: D. Mason, A. Manutai

6:00pm: P. Smith, S. Manhertz

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: A. Platt

6:00pm: J. Duhau

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** D. Jordan, E. Wilson

Blood: E. Schumacher, K. Swadling

6:00pm: **Body:** M. Reyes

Blood: L. Columbus, A. Rowe

Data Projector:

8:00am: E. Fernandes

6:00pm: D. Mark

Altar Servers:

8:00am: E. Fernandes, S. Bunny

6:00pm: A. Columbus

Church Cleaners: A. Borbon, E. Hughes, A. Goman,
L. Maravillas



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Jan Domoney, Mary Patricia (Pat) O'Mara, Joachim Ariens,
Peter Vale, Rosie Baravilala, Ron Rideout, Don Sharpe

For others who have died

Jose Nacario, Colin O'Sing, Andrew Hansen, Aaron Liddell,
Gordon Leech, Yordana Germosen, Brigid O'Hagan

For those we love who are ill and frail

Tony Gibb, Eli Colin Vale, Ron O'Brien, Noon Family, John &
Joy Massingham, Brian Booxson, Evie Trenamen, Patricia
Lynch, Nicole Knox, Julian Watkins, Christopher Marra, Dolly
O'Sing, Jacque Rive, Cedric Philps, John Walker, Dorothy
Thompson, John Judge, Timothy Howard, Amanda Ward,
Paul Van der List, Stacey Eccles, Rosemary Ross, Gizella
Laurance, Gizella Andrews, Henry Seal, George Nagy, Salude
Marshman, Henry Norman, Joanne Pond, Gerard Watts,
Silvia Walker, Craig Jenkinson, Linda Benz, Julieanne Jarram,
Anita Tanna, Robyn Cavellerie, Joe Mobbs, Tom Walker, Jill
Neill, Wayne Burrows

MANAGING COMPLAINTS IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the
principles of the *National Catholic Safeguarding
Standards (2022)*, and is committed to Safeguarding
Children and Adults at Risk. For further information or
support, or to voice a concern, please contact the
*Diocesan Professional Standards and
Safeguarding Office:*

Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or
Email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE OTHER THAN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands

- ◆ 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month
- ◆ 8:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday

St Patrick's, Calliope

- ◆ 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Larcom

- ◆ 11:00am Mass 1st Sunday of the month

St Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale

- ◆ 11:00am Mass 2nd Sunday of the month

St Mary's, Ubobo

- ◆ 11:00am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month

St Agnes, Agnes Water

- ◆ 11:00am Mass 4th Sunday of the month
- ◆ Liturgy of the Word with Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 11:00am

RECONCILIATION

Star of the Sea

- ◆ 8:30am - 9:20am Saturday

St Peter Chanel (Tannum Sands) & St Patrick's (Calliope)

- ◆ 4:15pm - 4:45pm (*before Vigil Mass*)

BAPTISMS

Star of the Sea Church: 1st & 2nd Saturday 9:45am

Other Mass Communities ~ *Available on request*

Bookings are essential. Parents are to take part in a baptism preparation class held on the 1st Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall at 9:15am, 38 Herbert St Gladstone.

ROSARY

Star of the Sea Church

- ◆ Saturdays 9:30am

St Peter Chanel Church

- ◆ Each Tuesday 6:30pm
- ◆ Each Wednesday 10:00am

Parish Centre Chapel

- ◆ 3rd Thursday of the month 9:45am

MEDITATION

Star of the Sea—Tuesday, Parish Chapel 12:30pm



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parish by scanning
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